Amendments to the Specification:

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Please amend Paragraph [0089] as shown below:

FIG. 2 shows a possible embodiment of the reservoir at the positive side of the stack. ~~The reservoir is located between the positive plate 13 and the cathode of the first cell at the positive side, from which it is separated by means of a separating plate 14 which is of the same type of the plates used to separate the cells in the stack. Also the current collector\gas distributor 15 , the cathode 16 and the matrix 18 of the first one cell are shown.~~

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FIG. 2 shows a possible embodiment of the reservoir at the positive side of the stack.

Please add the following Paragraph [0089.1] immediately after amended Paragraph [0089]:

FIG. 3 shows a possible embodiment of the reservoir at the negative side of the stack.

Please add the following paragraph [0089.2] immediately after Paragraph [0089.1]:

Referring to the embodiment shown in FIG. 2, the reservoir is located between the positive plate 13 and the cathode of the first cell at the positive side, from which it is separated by means of a separating plate 14 which is of the same type of the plates used to separate the cells in the stack. Also the current collector\gas distributor 15, the cathode 16 and the matrix 18 of the first one cell are shown.